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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: since the parent application 09/935,517 has been patented, the continuation data disclosed in the specification, page 1, should be updated.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 4-11, 21-23 and 26-27 are allowed. See reasons for allowance in the previous office action mailed 9/20/05.

Note that in the previous office action, page 4, claims 24-25 have been erroneously indicated allowable. These claims are patentably distinct from the elected species and have been withdrawn from further consideration as indicated in the previous office action, page 2. The examiner wishes to take this opportunity to correct the error by stating that claims 24-25, which are dependent on the canceled claim 14, remain withdrawn from further consideration. The examiner apologizes for any inconvenience that may have caused.

Conclusion

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The objection to the specification and the presence of claims 24-25.


Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-2317. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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